

Gallaudet Fact—

Q: Which program is bringing to campus one of the first deaf Latinos to earn a Ph.D. and the granddaughter of a famous Mexican-American activist?

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Vietnamese delegation taps University and Clerc Center for inspiration



Photo by Susan Flanigan

KDES principal Marilyn Farmer (left) shares information about a KDES student self-portrait project with a group of government officials from Vietnam during a visit arranged by the Nippon Foundation on September 20 to observe deaf education practices.

A delegation from Vietnam received a warm welcome at Gallaudet during a recent tour. Their visit, which took place September 19 through 21, was part of a study tour to the United States arranged by the Nippon Foundation. Dang Huynh Mai, vice minister of the Vietnamese Ministry of Education and Training, headed the group of provincial government officials. The purpose of the trip was to provide the delegates with resources and models to enhance educational practices for deaf people in Vietnam, learn ways to support deaf people who are new university students, establish a school in Hanoi, and to study American methods of educating deaf students.

A highlight of the experience was a trip to the Clerc Center, which offered tours of KDES and MSSD that included six classroom observations, and a roundtable discussion with Dean Katherine Jankowski and other Clerc Center administrators on best practices for educating deaf and hard of

hearing children. Dr. Jankowski extended an open invitation for future collaborations in raising the achievements of deaf and hard of hearing students.

During a breakfast gathering, Dr. Davila gave the visitors a brief overview of Gallaudet—its history and mission, its long tradition of outreach to the national and international deaf communities, and the education and support programs it provides to the many deaf students around the world who come to Kendall Green each year. Following his presentation, Dr. Yerker Andersson, a member of the board of directors for the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) and a past president and vice president of the World Federation of the Deaf, informed the delegation of the time-honored role the NAD has held as an effective advocate for deaf people, and the diverse population it serves. Dr. James Woodward, a former professor at Gallaudet who serves as co-director of the

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Assessment expert advises that an 'A' is not always what it seems

The best way to know if students are succeeding is to have an understanding of teaching and learning. This is one of the messages that higher education assessment consultant Dr. Peggy Maki brought to Gallaudet during a September 18 visit.

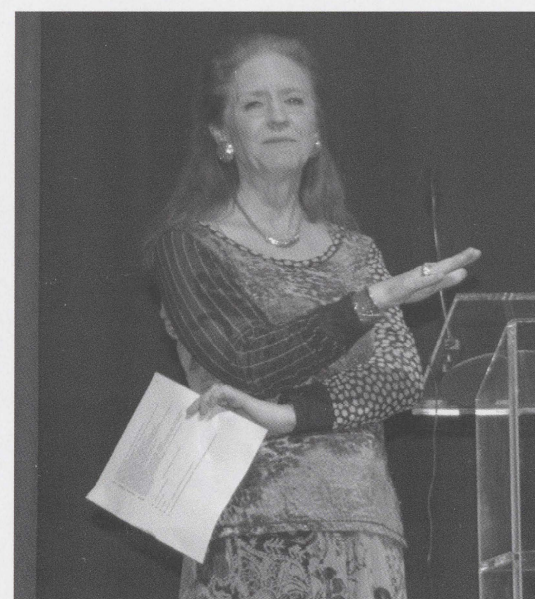
The first in a series of presentations and consultations with inside and outside assessment experts,

Maki's visit to Kendall Green included a presentation to the campus community as well as meetings with the president and provost, administrators, the Academic Rigor Workgroup, department chairs, and others involved with assessing student learning.

Maki specializes in assisting institutions in integrating assessment of student learning into educational practices, processes, and structures. Her work also focuses on assessment within the context of accreditors' expectations for institutional effectiveness—an important angle for Gallaudet as it works to comply with the Middle States Commission on Higher Education's directives. She has been a college professor and administrator and is currently the department editor for assessment and a member of the Board of Contributors of *About Campus*, a magazine for college and university professionals. She was recently appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of the Wabash Center for Critical Inquiry and the assessment field editor for Stylus Publishing.

Eileen Matthews, executive director of assessment, said Maki was chosen to lend her expertise to Gallaudet because "in her writings she speaks to the need for approaching assessment as a critical inquiry into the integration of teaching, learning, and assessment." Provost Stephen Weiner called her an "assessment hero," and who literally wrote the book on assessment. (The guide is called *Assessing for Learning: Building a Sustainable Commitment across the Institution*.)

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Dr. Peggy Maki, an assessment consultant, spent a day at Gallaudet on September 18. She met with faculty and administrators involved in evaluating academic performance and is shown giving a presentation on the subject. Her advice will help Gallaudet comply with MSCHE accreditation standards for assessment.



The students, teachers, and staff from Kendall Demonstration Elementary School cordially invite Gallaudet alumni and friends to an

OPEN HOUSE

Friday, October 19
in the KDES lobby

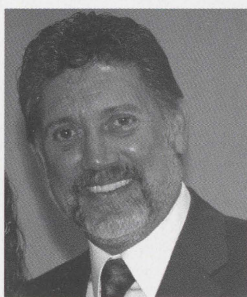
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150th Anniversary
Museum and Display
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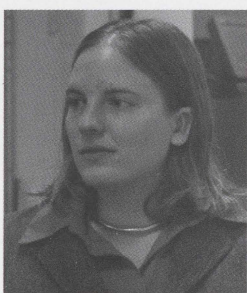
LIVING HISTORIES
Kendall alumni, former teachers, and staff can have their Kendall School memories recorded on video for posterity and posted to Kendall School's 150th Anniversary website
10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Visit the
150th Anniversary website:
clerccenter.gallaudet.edu/kdes/150/index.html

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Dr. Angel Ramos speaks during Hispanic Heritage Month.



Vice President Sara Collins was one of the SBG officials meeting with Dr. Davila at a breakfast before the filming of the back-to-school episode of Bob's Vlog.



An official from the Japanese Fire Alarm Manufacturers Association learns about Gallaudet's emergency notification and evacuation system.

Homecoming activities for the whole Gallaudet family

Homecoming isn't just for alumni. The weekend offers a number of events that are open to the entire Gallaudet community. Join alumni for:

October 18
Pep Rally
7 p.m., Hotchkiss Field

October 19
KDES Open House: Kendall's 150th anniversary museum and memorabilia exhibit
9:30 a.m.-4 p.m., KDES Lobby

Presentation: Friday with Retired Professor John Schuchman
3 p.m., Foster Auditorium
Dr. Schuchman, a professor emeritus of the Government and History Department who worked at Gallaudet for 31 years (1968-99) will present to the Gallaudet community about deaf Holocaust survivors.

3rd Annual College Bowl Competition, alumni vs. students
4 p.m., Foster Auditorium
The current team will compete against alumni of the 50th and 25th anniversary classes.

Homecoming volleyball game vs. Gettysburg College
7 p.m., Field House

Grand Re-opening of Peikoff Alumni House and Pre-Game Bash
9 p.m., Peikoff Alumni House

October 20
Bison Shop special hours
10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Food tables and information booths
11 a.m.-6 p.m., parking lot between Field House and Elstad Auditorium

Homecoming women's soccer game vs. Lancaster Bible College
Noon, Hoy Field

Class Parade
12:15-1 p.m., starting at the Field House near the Bison statue

Homecoming football game vs. Williamson Trade
1 p.m., Hotchkiss Field

Homecoming men's soccer game vs. Lancaster Bible College
4 p.m., Hoy Field

October 18-20:
Art exhibition: "150 Years on Kendall Green"
10 a.m.-4 p.m. every day, Washburn Arts Building

For a complete Homecoming schedule, including alumni activities, go to www.gallaudet.edu/x2044.xml.

Administration & Finance

Establishing an operating budget

For the past decade, Gallaudet has employed a participatory process for developing its annual operating budget. This process involved a bottom-up approach in which departments submitted their requests for funding to their deans and directors for screening, and further consideration by the offices of the provost and vice president.

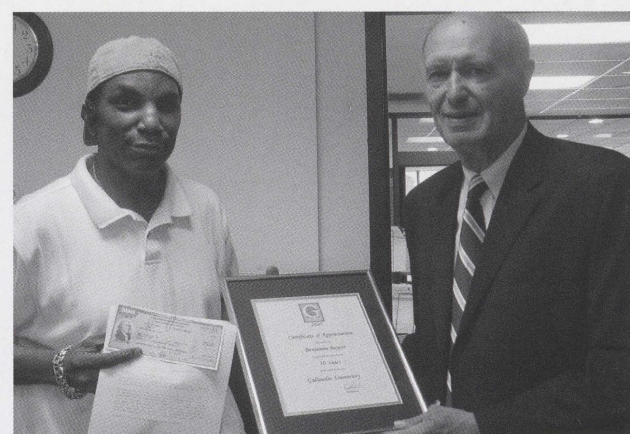
Following analysis by these chief officers, consolidated proposals went to the University Budget Committee (UBC) for final review. The UBC then made recommendations to the president concerning an institutional operating budget for a particular fiscal year (FY). The president, in turn, made whatever changes he deemed necessary and submitted the budget to the Board of Trustees for final approval.

Because the University now faces the prospect of tight budgets at the federal level and reductions in tuition revenues, the UBC has conducted a review of the budget process. Leading this review is Dr. Stephen Chaikind, professor of economics and finance, with assistance by Andres Piedrahita, who graduated from Gallaudet in May.

This review was completed recently and has led to several significant changes in Gallaudet's budget process:

1. Most of Gallaudet's payroll budget was centralized, effective October 1 (the beginning of FY 2008). This step, which will result in less funding flexibility for department- and director-level administrators, is being taken to resolve long-standing issues concerning the funding of merit increases and other salary changes for employees.
2. While the UBC will continue as mediator of the budget process, its recommendations will now be made to an officer group including the president, the provost, and the vice president for administration and finance, rather than to the president alone.
3. There will be a more formal process through which deans and directors will justify the funding and staffing levels within their areas of responsibility. This new process will not go into effect immediately but will be developed during the coming fiscal year.

These changes in the development of future Gallaudet budgets are expected to result in a funding structure that is flexible and responsive to the University's strategic plan and especially to the number one priorities of the institution—teaching and learning. ■

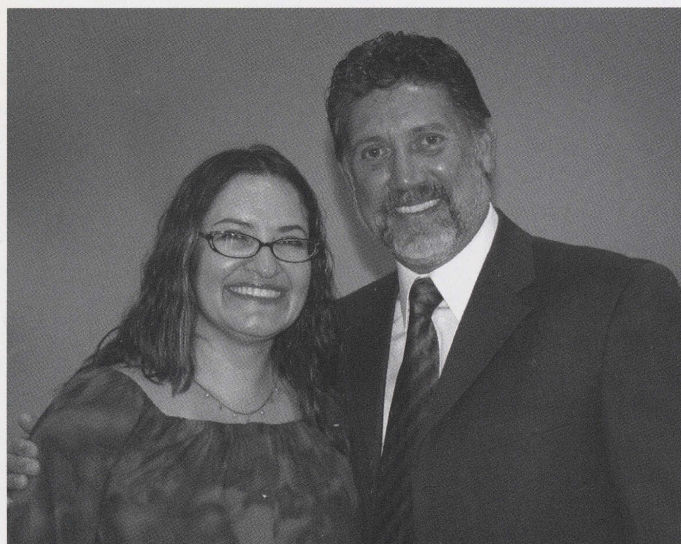


Dr. Ronald Dreher (right), chair of the Department of Physical Education and Recreation, recognizes Benjamin Baylor, physical education technician/research specialist, for 30 years of service to Gallaudet.

Gallaudet Fact—

A. Multicultural Student Programs has booked both Dr. Angel Ramos, the second deaf Latino in the world to earn a Ph.D. (see photo at left), and Christine Chavez, a labor activist and the granddaughter of civil rights leader Cesar Chavez, to appear on campus. Chavez's talk is scheduled for November 16.

Did your office/department get enough copies of *Gallaudet Today* newsletter? Too many? Was it delivered to the right building and room number? Has your department changed its name? Send updates via email to public.relations@gallaudet.edu.



Dr. Angel Ramos, posing here with Elvia Guillermo, coordinator of Multicultural Student Programs, is an author, lecturer, philanthropist, and teacher. He gave a presentation entitled "Someone Said it Couldn't be Done" at Gallaudet on September 21, encouraging the audience to remove the word "can't" from their vocabulary and work together to

overcome difficult situations. Ramos, who wrote *Triumph of the Spirit: The DPN Chronicle* and is the second deaf Latino in the world to earn a Ph.D., was invited by Multicultural Student Programs to give the talk during Hispanic Heritage Month.

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Personnel Notes

Service awards for July

Five years:

Gary Aller, executive director, Business Operations; **Richard Jeffries**, literacy specialist, Literacy, Clerc Center; **Nikki Surber**, coordinator of Residence Education, Residence Life

Ten years:

Dennis Cregan, graduate enrollment data manager, Graduate School; **Robert Weinstock**, system trainer, Information Technology Services

Fifteen years:

Margarita Madeo, graduate admission assistant, Graduate School

Twenty-five years:

Daphne Cox, associate director, Alumni Relations; **Randy Prezioso**, director of student information systems, Enrollment Services

Thirty-five years:

Frank Zieziula, professor, Counseling Department

New employees hired in July

Jennifer Boyd, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Holly Bullard**, staff residential assistant, Residence Life; **Sharron Cargo**, laboratory and instructional assistant, Chemistry; **Susan Chin-Murray**, staff resi-

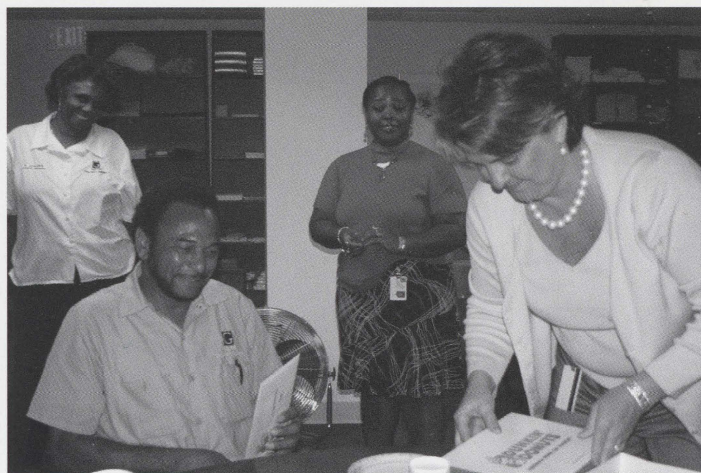
dential assistant, Residence Life; **Clide Cork**, custodian, Custodial Services; **David Farias**, budget analyst I, Finance Office; **Patrick Gorsuch**, manager of technology infrastructure, Information Technology Services; **Sara Stallard**, staff residential assistant, Residential Life

Promotions in July

Shannon Augustine, e-Learning coordinator and academic webmaster, Academic Technology; **John Bunting**, supervisor of structural services, Construction Services; **Erin Casler**, coordinator of presidential and media communications, Public Relations; **Linda Delk**, director of Knowledge Integration and Evaluation, Clerc Center; **Daniel Dukes**, MSSD principal (Interim); **Kafi Lemons**, program support specialist, Psychology; **Barbara McNally**, cashier, Finance Office; **Patricia Moers-Patterson**, Interpreter III, Gallaudet Interpreting Service; **Danielle Puzio**, director of public relations and publications, Publications and Information Dissemination, Clerc Center; **Jamie Yost**, interpreter II, Gallaudet Interpreting Service

Retirements in July

James Barrie, KDES Principal's Office; **Margaret Hallau**, Office of the Director, NOREN; **Reginald King**, MSSD Departments; **Patricia Yates**, Center for ASL Literacy, Clerc Center



Custodian Clide Cork was astonished—and gratified—by a surprise party thrown for him by the admissions, financial aid, and registrar's offices on September 25. According to Admissions Director Charity Hines (right), the departments wanted to express their appreciation to

Cork for the exemplary job he does in keeping their Chapel Hall offices sparkling clean, and for always being cheerful and friendly. He also takes time to chat with staff members, practicing what he has learned in his sign language class. Cork was lured to the party under the pretense that an emergency cleanup was needed. When he dutifully showed up with a full array of cleaning supplies, he instead found cheering staff members and a table laden with donuts and juice. Also present was his supervisor, Sue Loggins (left). "He's a good worker; he's real responsible," said Loggins. "He's making everybody happy over there, and that makes me happy." (Also pictured is Vickie Whetstone, administrative secretary in the Admissions Office.)

Campus Calendar

October

8-12—Midterm week

10—Career Day 2007, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., JSAC MPR; Schaefer Distinguished Lecturer, Dr. Spencer Wells, 1:30-2:30 p.m., GUKCH, Swindells Auditorium

12—Undergraduate financial appeal deadline; undergraduate open house

15—Deadline for faculty to submit undergraduate midterm grades

16—Enrichment Day, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

18-20—Homecoming 2007 (more information at www.gallaudet.edu/x2044.xml)

19—Résumé clinic, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., JSAC 2221

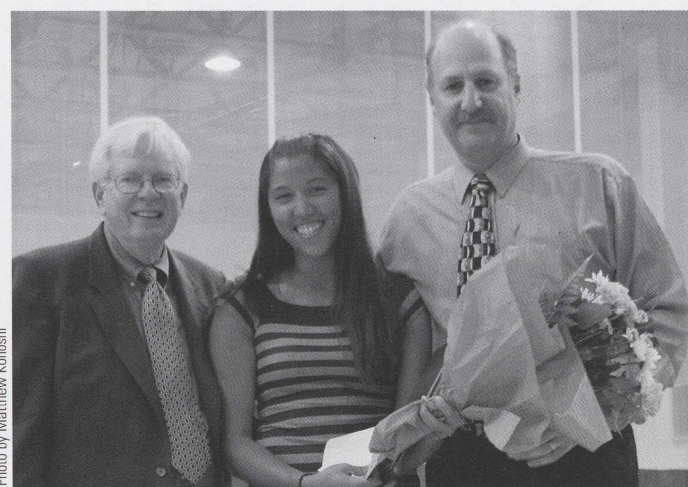


Photo by Matthew Kohashi

Capital Athletic Conference's 2006-07 Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year. Coach Lynn Ray Boren was also recognized for receiving the 2006-07 Game Plan/American Volleyball Coaches Association Team Academic Award for having a team that exhibited high academic achievement.

Volleyball star and alumna Tamara Jo Foronda smiles beside Dr. Michael Moore (left), Academic Affairs budget director in the Office of the Provost, and Michael Weinstock, Athletics director, at the first home volleyball game of the season. Foronda was recognized for several distinctions, including being the

Clerc Center Happenings

Clerc Center kicks off 2007-08 academic year with a new vision

By Susan M. Flanagan

The Clerc Center community gathered in MSSD's Theatre Malz following the summer break for the annual fall kickoff. The auditorium was filled with positive energy as old friends reacquainted themselves, new teachers and staff were introduced, and everyone shared a common focus—a new academic year with a new vision.

Dean Katherine Jankowski welcomed everyone to the new academic year as she unveiled the Clerc Center's new organizational model. The presentation included a thorough explanation of the model and the reasons behind the change.

"The world of education is constantly changing, and we want to lead that change in partnership with other educators in the field," said Dr. Jankowski. "Moving to a business model approach to education, as well as product development and service delivery, allows us to be innovative and flexible while making

decisions that are data-driven and research-based." She reiterated the Clerc Center's goal of raising the academic achievement of deaf and hard of hearing children throughout the nation.

Dr. Linda Delk, director of the Office of Knowledge Integration and Evaluation, a new unit within the Clerc Center, explained the knowledge integration aspect of the new model as "ways of finding, sharing, and using knowledge from research, best practices, and input from the public more systematically. Our aim is to develop more evidence-based innovations that can be used to improve the education of deaf and hard of hearing students throughout the nation."

After the presentation, teachers and staff gathered in the lobby for a community brainstorming activity—writing their ideas for the transition ahead on wall posters. The morning concluded with closing comments from the dean, a sense of community, and a new Clerc Center vision well on its way. ■

Going, Going, Gone

WANTED: ASL tutoring in exchange for tutoring in Spanish. If interested, please contact jorge.santiago-blal@gallaudet.edu.

Vietnamese delegation visits campus

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Dongnai Department of Education and Training's Project on Opening University Education to Deaf People in Vietnam, informed the group about the project, which seeks to develop programs that will enable deaf people to obtain a university education.

Woodward said the program, which operates in the southern area of Vietnam near Ho Chi Minh City, has had "amazing" results in the eight years it has been operating. Prior to the program, no deaf students in the province had graduated from junior high school, which effectively ended their education. Today, many deaf students are passing the exam and going on to high school, and one deaf person is now in college. In fact, other

schools in the region have followed the project's lead and have started promoting deaf education. Woodward said the project hopes to expand into the northern region of the country. After his presentation, he presented Dr. Davila and the University Library copies of the first teaching manual on Vietnamese Sign Language.

Following the talks, Minister Mai thanked the presenters, saying the information "is very helpful for us." It is her hope, she added, that deaf Vietnamese high school students "can come here to study at this university."

In addition to visiting Gallaudet, the group met with representatives from the U.S. Department of Education, as well as Maryland State Superintendent of Schools and Gallaudet alumna Dr. Nancy Grasmick (Class of 1965). They also visited the Maryland School for the Deaf, Frederick. ■

Brother and sister team bring a unique touch of color to special occasions



The Hines family (from left) Reedy, Daniel, Charity, and Amberlin is shown with their homing pigeons before a test release at their Galesville, Md., home.

You're looking to add flair to that special occasion. Roses? Balloons? ... Belly dancer?

So boring.

How about a hundred or so birds of different colors taking flight, creating a striking contrast against the bright blue sky above your anniversary, wedding, or birthday? Now that's awe-inspiring! A touch your guests won't soon forget.

It's a concept that two partners catering to event planning are offering—to growing acclaim. What's impressive is these entrepreneurs haven't even reached their teens. While their peers are out trying to make a buck at lemonade stands, Amberlin Hines, 12, a KDES seventh grade student, and her brother, Reedy Hines, 9, have started Every Celebration, a homing pigeon release business that specializes in colorful birds, and the reputation they are gaining from satisfied clients is leading to a number of contracts for future fêtes.

Every Celebration is a perfect endeavor for animal-loving Amberlin, who takes after her dad, Daniel Hines, lab coordinator for the Biology Department, who as a child had a menagerie of crawling, climbing, swimming, and flying pets—at one point around 150 critters. According to his wife, Charity Reedy Hines, director of the Office of Admissions, before they married he made one stipulation: "If our kids want to have pets, I couldn't complain. What I didn't understand is they have to live in the house, too." She mentioned rabbits, boa constrictors, sugar gliders (a variety of possum), turtles, and hedgehogs who have made themselves at home in the family's rambling Galesville, Md., home, plus a duck that refuses to swim anywhere except the bathtub.

As for Reedy, he's been hankering to run a business since he was 4 years old, said Charity, recalling the day he handed his parents a detailed design of a pet store he wanted to open. Hence, the idea of children establishing their own business was born.

The following year, The Hines' attended a wedding where pigeons were released as a token of good luck for the newlyweds. Daniel knew that pigeons are easy to raise, and the seeds for the Hines children's business were planted. The following Easter, Amberlin and Reedy were presented with eight white homing pigeons. A few weeks later, Charity

talked about her kids' business plans over lunch while she was in Hawaii on a student recruitment trip for the University. One of the table guests knew Doug Beter, a veteran pigeon breeder on the island noted for his birds in a kaleidoscope of colors. Naturally, the Hines had a lot to talk about with Beter, and a few months later, the entire family traveled to Hawaii to meet him. He gave the children several birds and advice on how to keep them healthy.

Amberlin and Reedy named the business themselves, and commissioned Zhou Fang, a web designer at Gallaudet, to create Every Celebration's eye-catching web site (www.everycelebration.net). They have released the birds at about two dozen affairs to date—mainly weddings and anniversaries, plus an event at Gallaudet on September 6 to symbolize a new beginning for the University. Events can be held within a 60-mile radius of Galesville—the range in which the pigeons can find their way home. To date, they have all flown back to the coop safely, including one green pigeon whose photo made the front page of an Annapolis, Md. newspaper, after it was spotted in the city, briefly causing speculation that it was a new breed until the Hines saw the photo and called the newspaper with an explanation.

Everyone is dying to know how the birds got their colors. When a reporter for the Annapolis newspaper asked Reedy, he coyly replied, "Didn't you know they flew through the rainbow?" The fact is, the answer is a closely guarded secret. Charity acknowledges that Beter's procedure for giving the birds their many hues is not a freak of nature or the result of a genetic experiment gone awry. Other than that, she's not talking, except to say that it isn't harmful to the birds, and Beter has a certificate from the Humane Society to prove it.

Charity said she and her husband are proud of their kids for demonstrating such drive and incentive at an early age, and are happy they have found a worthwhile pastime they enjoy. "We want to teach them responsibility, work ethics, and how to do their chores without us having to nag," she said. She added that there is another motivation as well: "We tell them this is their car key and gas money." ■



Photo by Nathaniel Snyder

President Davila met with officers of the Student Body Government (SBG) and other student leaders over breakfast at the Cafeteria before filming a back-to-school edition of Bob's Vlog with SBG President Robert McConnell and Vice President Sara Collins (pictured here with Dr. Davila). In addition to McConnell and Collins, attendees included SBG Director of Ethics and Conduct Richard Goode, SBG Director of Community Relations Leah Katz-Hernandez, Student Congress' Speaker of the House Jonathan Craig, SBG Director of Academic Affairs Jacob Leffler, President of the Latino Student Union Delia Lozano-Martinez, and SBG Director of Finance Ali Nehrir. The SBG leadership invited the president to breakfast to start off the academic year with positive dialogue, Collins explained. Davila shared lessons he had learned in various leadership roles, responded to students' questions, and gave advice on being an effective student leader. He advised that education should be viewed as an investment and high academic achievement should always be a priority.

Peggy Maki, assessment expert, speaks at Gallaudet

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Maki was not always the guru she is today. During her presentation, *Assessing as Critical Inquiry*, she recounted a time when she surveyed her former students and discovered that they had not retained most of what she taught them. She began to realize the importance of an integrated approach to teaching and assessing. If a student gets an 'A' on a test, it does not necessarily mean that he or she has internalized the lesson, Maki said.

"Learning is dimensional," Maki explained. In order to achieve what she calls deep learning, students must become engaged in the material from many angles. Assessment should take that into account. "Think about their thinking," Maki advised.

Capstone courses that allow under-

graduates to research and write a thesis and clicker devices that allow students to electronically answer questions during class so the professor knows if the students are understanding key concepts are the kinds of practices that Maki espouses. Gallaudet has already begun these practices, along with integrating quantitative reasoning, critical thinking, and writing into all disciplines. In her meetings with faculty and administrators involved with assessment, Maki discussed ways to expand on these initiatives.

Maki's advice, overall, was upbeat and heartening. Throughout her meetings, she reassured Gallaudet community members that the University is on the right path to developing a sustainable assessment process. At the end of her presentation, she urged the audience not to be discouraged during this journey. "Everything will not be perfect the first time... or the second," she said. ■



A desire to improve fire emergency notification and evacuation systems for Japan's deaf community and people with disabilities brought a group of officials from the Japan Fire Alarms Manufacturers Association to Gallaudet on September 21. The group was given an overview of the University's measures for alerting the campus community and safely evacuating them in the event of an emergency by Department of Public Safety Director Meloyde Batten-Mickens, Systems and Operations/Maintenance Manager George Gateau, and Office of Student Conduct Director Carl Pramuk, who was instrumental in planning Gallaudet's emergency alert system. They also had a tour of a dormitory to see a typical dorm room, and of HMB and JSAC to observe the emergency alert systems in place. The officials were also provided information on various vendors who supply these devices, and the products that have proven to work well for Gallaudet. Here, Pramuk explains the operations of a KA300 alarm monitor manufactured by CompuTTY Inc. and a KA100 alarm clock and wireless alarm and strobe flasher by Krown. (Also pictured is sign language interpreter Megan Adams.)